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Remarks

With entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 4-5, 8-47, 50-58, 60-73 and 76-93 are pending in the instant application. Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 48, 49, 59, 74, 75 and 94-165 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39, 41, 44, 47, 50, 53, 56, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 69, 71, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 83, 84, 89, 90 and 91 have been amended. Claims 94-165 were withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Election was made by Applicants without traverse in the reply filed on May 11, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants hereby cancel claims 94-165 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue claims 94-165 (and/or cancelled claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 48, 49, 59, 74 and 75) in one or more continuing applications claiming priority to the instant application.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 47, as well as pending dependent claims 4-5 and 8-46, and 50-58, 60-73 and 76-93 which depend respectively therefrom, are not anticipated by and/or made obvious over the references cited by the Examiner, and respectfully request that the rejection of the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and action toward that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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